

## M-TEC DIRECTOR IS ON TASK, BUILDING IS ON SCHEDULE

When the new executive director of the Michigan Technical Education Center, Kirk Hornburg, arrived at NMC at the end of August, he hit the ground running and hasn't stopped yet. "It's a unique opportunity," he said about heading up this new venture, "In a position such as this, you're very involved in the community. I like that."

Hornburg has been very involved in everything so far—developing curriculum, raising funds, organizing staff, and meeting with business and industry. With a background as a former Navy lieutenant commander and corporate

Customized training will include employee development, leadership development, research services, small business services, training grants, and training plan development.

"The extent of our offerings is equal to our partnerships with business and industry," Hornburg said. "We want instructors who are in the field." Delivery options include on-site training, OPEN Learning (self-paced modules), Interactive Television (ITV), On-line Internet classes, a Mobile Computer Lab, and classroom instruction.



lawyer, Hornburg brings varied talents to his role at M-TEC. "It's a new program with new ideas," he said, noting that the initial offerings are a "phased curriculum...in order to stay flexible."

When the 65,000-square-foot building opens in January, the program offerings will include Information Technology (Network Administration and Database Management); Manufacturing (Drafting & Design, Machine Tool, Electronics); Construction (Carpentry, HVACR, Electrical); and Aviation (Career Pilot).

While construction costs have been covered by a State grant and bond money, equipment and endowment needs are being met by an NMC Foundation capital campaign which has set a goal of \$3 million by January 2001. "We are targeting those businesses which will benefit most from M-TEC," Foundation Executive Director Kathleen Guy said, "and we have an excellent team of industry representatives who are committed to this project."

For more information about M-TEC, visit the NMC website at: [www.nmc.edu](http://www.nmc.edu) or call 231 995-2000.

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## WNMC CHANGES ITS TUNE, A LITTLE

For most of its thirty-plus years of existence at Northwestern Michigan College, WNMC has dedicated itself to the presentation of music and information that can be found nowhere else on the dial in the Grand Traverse area. On Saturday, September 12, 2000, WNMC embarked on a new chapter in its history by initiating a number of program changes.

Though there have been rumors that radical change might be in store for WNMC, the new program is essentially a confirmation and a re-dedication of the station to its traditional values of education, cultural enrichment, and music of outstanding aesthetic merit.

The most prominent of the programming changes is the stronger focus placed on jazz in the daytime hours, 8 am - 5 pm.



Jazz will be more prominently featured during the morning slots (and specifically selected blues, world and folk will leaven the mix) and the afternoon slot, formerly dedicated to a rock-based mix.

Another prominent change is the creation of a weekday drive time program (5-7pm) which will feature a mix of American music, with blues as the focus. Other changes include a general rationalization of the station's schedule to make it easier for listeners to find what they want from WNMC and to integrate the station into their lives.

The intent behind these changes is an effort to deliver the same great programming WNMC has always provided in a more consistent and, yes, professional manner. At the same time, station management is making a concerted effort to improve training, promotion, station equipment and several other areas.

"These efforts won't result in an immediate and miraculous change in the station," WNMC General Manager Eric Hines said, "But we are all working to put polish on this gem. Listen to us now and listen to us grow-and if you have something to say about what WNMC does well or what it can do better, contact me at 231 995-2562."



**Instructor Mack Taylor advises a student intern in setting recording levels.**

## ALUMNI MEMORIES

Last issue, we asked you to share favorite NMC memories. Here are some; we'll include more in our next issue. Thanks to all of you for the great images and words!

### Susan VanAelst ('73)

*Snow on the trees near the library; the sound of people walking in the old Administration Building; the great instructors; and the good friends I learned and lived with.*

### James Lithen ('63)

*As a member of the basketball team, defeating Alpena J.C. in 1963; helping clear forest for a new building during NMC Barbecue in 1962; and falling in love with fellow student, Lucy Mummy.*

### Abbie Nelson ('60)

*Favorite instructors: Walt Beardslee, Joe Rogers (called me Gabby Abbie), Walt Holland, Ralf Parton (Art), Dick Pascoe (French), Nick Rajkovich (Athletic Director), Gabor Vaszni (Study Abroad Program).*

### Thomas Wadawski ('66)

*One Campus Day, several individuals took the leaves we raked and deposited them in a nearby VW Bug which we later found out was owned by an NMC faculty member!*

### Robert Bruce Terwilliger ('88-89)

*Being in Rob Hamilton's class and his way of making class and learning fun.*

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## SOME NMC VETERANS ARE RETIRING IN 2001

In the spring of 2000, NMC offered a "Voluntary Incentive Program" to all employees who'd been at the college at least ten years—with the option of leaving in June 2000 or June 2001. All together, about 30 employees have opted for this option, and a few of those leaving in 2001 offer some ideas here about what they've enjoyed about working at NMC and what they're planning next.

### Larry Buys, Government Instructor

*I enjoyed the opportunity to work with highly-qualified and dedicated people.*

*I'm planning to be with family, travel, and pursue remodeling projects.*

### Larry Carps, Government Instructor

*I'll really miss the students, the ones who bring the greatest joy to teaching, and the everyday friendliness of faculty and staff.*

*Ah, retirement. An open book: one page at a time; work/play (and clean); some fishing, maybe hunting, horseback riding, reading, travel, family and friends.*

### Vivian Christensen, Accounts Receivable Bookkeeper

*The changes and growth at NMC have been phenomenal since 1971 and it's been exciting to be a part of that; and, of course, I'll miss the people who have become "second family" over the years.*

*I will be helping my daughter and son-in-law with their nursery/landscaping business as well as moving my many hobbies to the "front burner."*

### Bill Faulk, Accounting Instructor

*After 35 years of teaching, I still enjoy the classroom—in fact, my enjoyment has increased the last ten years. I still receive a Christmas card from two students who were in my class in 1965, and I was fortunate to be part of the early faculty, knowing most of the original people.*

*My wife and I plan to travel in retirement and also enjoy being at home with absolutely no schedule.*

### Adam Gahn, Chemistry Instructor

*I enjoy the students—without a doubt, the ones who make it but also those who don't but learn about themselves in the process.*

*I hope to volunteer, probably at Munson.*

### Greg Hodge, Information Technology Instructor

*I enjoyed most the interaction with students and my co-workers throughout the years.*

*Whatever I do, it will probably include kayaking, mountain-climbing, hiking, biking, computer consulting, adjunct teaching, fishing, real estate, and who knows what else!*

### Dianne Keelan, Medical Assisting Instructor

*I loved the teaching and coaching of students...and watching them evolve into lifelong learners with increased confidence levels.*

*At first, I plan to do a lot of nothing, and if I like it, to do some more! Then I have a list as long as my arm of courses I want to take at NMC and am talking with regional employers about project and consulting work.*

### Ken Masck, Automotive Instructor

*Seeing a successful student in the workplace in northwest Michigan always brought a good feeling to me.*

*I'm building my first new house and plan on some special teaching assignments with Delta corporate services, training outside the U.S.*

### Pat Salathiel, Health Services Director

*I'm going to miss helping students solve some of life's most pressing issues related to health and lifestyles.*

*We'll probably motor down the Mississippi in our lobster boat, then come home and look for work!*

### Lori Sniff, Financial Aid Coordinator

*I absolutely LOVE to watch students transform from being frightened, timid individuals who are taking an unsure step in their lives to confident, secure persons who are ready to march into the world and contribute what NMC has taught them about life.*

*I'll be concentrating on my custom stained glass design business (called "loriborealis," meaning "Lori from the north country," like aurora borealis) and also volunteering at the Women's Resource Center, Munson Hospital, and First Congregational Church's community daycare.*

### Roberta Teahen, Dean of Workforce Development

*Most important for me have been the many wonderful friends I have made; my life is richer from my interactions with them and the many learning opportunities the college has provided.*

*In retirement, I will continue to work full time, probably for another college, but I may also engage in some consulting work.*

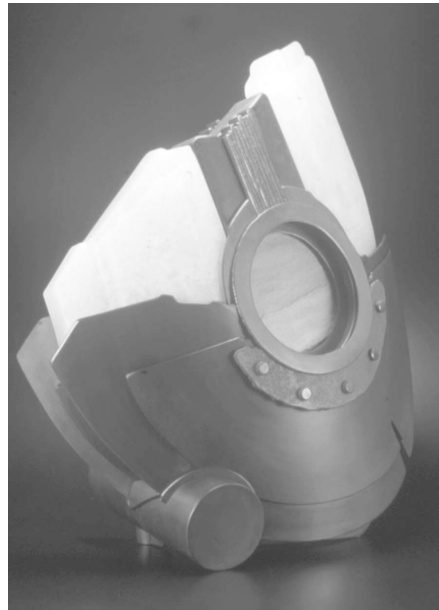


# MUSEUM CELEBRATES NMC'S 50TH WITH TWO SHOWS

## Faculty and Students Show Their Work

The Dennos Museum and Paul Welch have worked together to stage a show featuring the current artwork by former arts students and faculty of NMC who were active in the Art Department during the 1960's, 70's, and 80's. This exhibition will be held concurrently with an NMC Current Faculty Show—and will run from December 3, 2000 through March 4, 2001.

*"Ducere," 1999,  
fabricated steel, cast glass,  
stone, by Sally Rogers, former  
NMC student.*



## Historical Display Retells Story

In words, photos, artifacts, and period "realia," the history of the college will be recaptured in a 30-foot display case in the lobby of the Milliken Auditorium—which will open along with the 50th Anniversary Art Exhibit on December 3, 2000. Unlike the exhibit, however, the historical display will remain in place throughout 2001 to accompany the other activities and events of the year-long celebration.

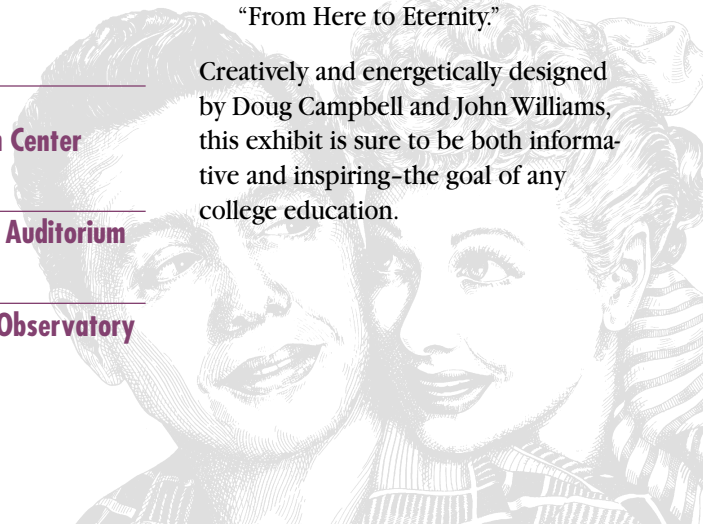
Sponsored by the Biederman Foundation, the exhibit will not only highlight NMC's early years but give a sense of context to the college's opening. What else was happening in the world in 1951 when NMC opened its borrowed doors at the airport terminal building and welcomed 65 students? A few examples include:

- President Truman was recalling General MacArthur from Korea.
- The U.S. was testing the A-Bomb near Las Vegas.
- Television was premiering "I Love Lucy."
- New movies included "A Streetcar Named Desire" and "The African Queen."
- Notable books included "The Catcher in the Rye" and "From Here to Eternity."

Creatively and energetically designed by Doug Campbell and John Williams, this exhibit is sure to be both informative and inspiring—the goal of any college education.

## Other 50th Anniversary Events & Activities

Dec, 2000-Feb, 2001	Alumni/Employee Art Show	Museum Center
Dec, 2000-Dec, 2001	Historical Display	Milliken Aud. Lobby
Apr 1-Sept 16	Egyptian Art Show	Museum Center
May 5	Commencement	TC Central Gym
May 20	Barbecue	NMC main campus
July 6-14	Cherry Festival Parades	TC
Aug 31	Friday Night Live	Downtown TC
Sept 6-Dec 11	Fifties Film Festival	Milliken Auditorium
Sept 8, Sat	Fellows/Presidents/Trustees Dinner	Museum Center
Sept 8-17	Founders Week SGA "pep week" activities Community tours of campus	NMC
Sept 15, Sat	Homecoming Sock Hop Pre-dance Reception for donors Vintage Car parade	PE Bldg Museum Center
Sept 17, Mon	Founders Day Time capsules	Milliken Auditorium
Oct 5, Fri	20th Anniversary Event	Rogers Observatory



# WAYS TO FUND A PLANNED GIFT

There are many way to make a gift to the NMC Foundation—and you might discover that a planned gift can provide a significant tax benefit, guarantee you income, while also helping to insure the long-term financial security of the college.

Understanding your assets can be your first step in determining whether a planned gift is a good choice. Consider this question: *“Do I have an asset which, if given to the NMC Foundation, would provide a net return greater than or equal to what the asset currently provides?”*

**Assets that are often used to fund planned gifts include:**

**Securities** - these include stock, mutual funds and marketable bonds; often they are highly appreciated, so capital gain may be eliminated or dramatically reduced.

**Retirement plans** - funds accumulated in pensions, profit-sharing plans, 401(k)s and IRAs often make up the largest portion of one’s estate, and can be highly taxed at death. A planned gift can be funded with all or a portion of a retirement plan.

**Appreciated personal property** - items such as real estate, artwork, and coins can all be given.

**Life insurance** - policies with coverage no longer needed or policies with low value dividends can be given in exchange for a planned gift.

**Cash** - planned gifts are easily funded with cash or certificates of deposit.

In addition to the benefits of increased income and lower taxes, a planned gift reduces the size of your taxable estate which otherwise can be taxed at a rate of up to 55 percent. Kathy Lievense, NMC Planned Giving Officer is pleased to help you determine how a planned gift might benefit you: **231 995-1855**.

## Tell Us About You

Last  First  Initial

Maiden Name

Address

City  State  Zip

Phone (  )  Work (  )

email address

May we print your address?  Yes  No

What years did you attend NMC?

What programs of study?

Social Security Number

Tell us about other educational opportunites, occupations and recent activities.

**A favorite NMC Memory...**

# ALUMNI MEMORIES

**Dennis Brooks ('73)**

*Working the NMC Barbecues; the personable instructors (always had access to them with questions and problems); listening to the high school marching band practice at lunch time; fall road trips out to the Old Mission lighthouse or Leland; visiting Interlochen; and working summers painting dorm rooms...lots of great memories, good times.*

**Joseph Mariage ('53)**

*Being in the first graduating class from NMC with Preston Tanis as Director, a great faculty and wonderful classmates.*

**Pamela Leddick ('72)**

*“Bumpaboobaday” meetings.*

**Ruth Sirovy-Matych ('73)**

*Being a student with Professor Bill T. Long. Not only was the work challenging, but also fun. He believed not only in directing, but also working with his students to fully know and understand them better. Wow! What a guy!!!*

**Richard J. Haller ('74)**

*The quality of the education provided!*

**Riconda L. Lamb (Solis) ('87)**

*Time spent with Business instructors, Joan Berg and Karen Howie; working on White Pine Press activities with Marilyn Jaquish.*

**Connie Joy Riley (Teat)/Mark Shawn Riley ('79)**

*Beautiful setting; safe fun; Friends and dorm life were the best.*

**Julie Lynn Snow (Spetebroot) ('93)**

*Dunking NMC-Cadillac instructor Rob Hamilton (English) in the dunk tank at the NMC-Cadillac picnic at Kenwood Park.*

**(Gilbert) Dale Gauthier ('71)**

*I appreciated Jean Rokos, Lynn Harris, and Deb Maison's continued support in helping me to obtain my goal of graduation.*

**Laurie Ann Karsten (Slagh) ('72)**

*Hitch-hiking from NMC to our apartment after a long day on our feet and being called into Mrs. Patrick's office for a scolding and having a terrific roommate, Sandy Duncan!*

**Anne (Ani) M. Best (Kulinski)/Steve Best ('76)**

*Steve and I met at NMC, were good friends, fell in love, just celebrated 22 years of marriage—many good memories! Also, working summers on NMC's maintenance crew; I was the first female hired!!*

# NOR'WESTER NOTES

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**John Pelizzari, President,  
Old Kent Bank - Grand Traverse**

## Outstanding Alumnus Named

John Pelizzari, President of Old Kent Bank of Grand Traverse, is being honored as the 2000 Outstanding Alumnus. Graduating from NMC in 1975, John has continued his association with NMC through the Foundation, the Adopt-a-Student Campaign, and the 1999 Bond Campaign. He was honored at a dinner in October.

## Denno's Museum Receives State Award

NMC's Denno's Museum Center has received the prestigious Governor's Award for Arts and Culture, and college representatives will attend a gala ceremony in Detroit in October. One of nine individuals and organizations selected from a field of over 200 nominations, the Denno's Museum Center has earned this recognition by providing a rich array of art and performance options for the entire region. Bravo!

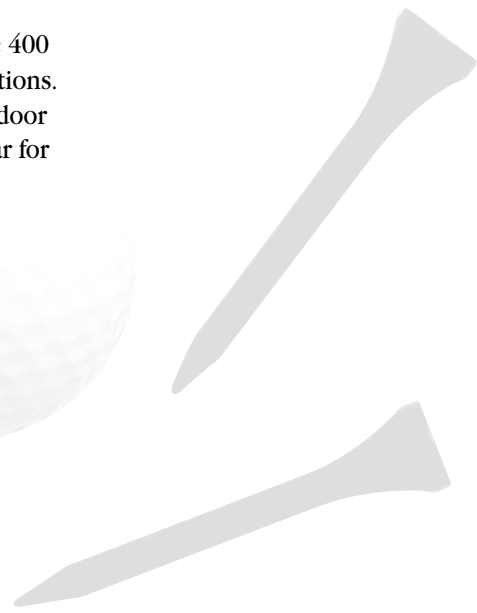
## NMC Golf Outing Sets Records

The 18th annual NMC Scholarship Open raised a record \$54,000 for scholarships and welcomed some 400 golfers at three Shanty Creek locations. A great time was had by all, with door prizes and camaraderie galore. Par for the course.



## PE Building Rededicated

The NMC Physical Education Building was rededicated as the "Nick and Frances Rajkovich Physical Education Center" in September. In 1970, the building was named for Nick Rajkovich who had died the previous year after an outstanding career as an NMC instructor and coach. Frances Rajkovich has remained a loyal friend to the college through generous scholarship support.



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